

**Amendments of Specification:**

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8, to read as follows:

In one embodiment, for example, two gearwheels 9 are arranged behind each other and provided with markings or pulse generators 10, in order to determine differences in the chain links of a chain 4. Sensors ~~not shown~~ 15 and 16 register the markings, for example, in the "three o'clock" position shown. As long as the two markings 10 are registered at the same time by the sensors, as determined by evaluation device 17, there are no chain links of different lengths. Only if a chain link comes between the two gearwheels that is stretched as compared to the others will the markings be registered at different points in time. By means of the speed of rotation of the gearwheels and the difference in time, the deviation regarding the length of the chain link can be determined. This information is utilized in controlling the alignment of the rotating rods.